

14 November 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Review Staff

SUBJECT : Briefing of House Select  
Committee Staff re LEAA  
Relationships

25X1 1. This date, from 1000 to 1200 hours, at the request of [ ] DD/A, the writer briefed Mr. Stanley Hecht and Mr. Peter Hughes of the House Committee staff regarding past CIA liaison relationships with LEAA, Department of Justice.

2. The Office of Security made available its four-volume file for use in answering questions, but it was not necessary to refer to them or to display any of the contents to the investigators. The briefing generally followed that contained in the blind memo provided by [ ] The investigators did not read the memo, in whole or in part, but indicated they would probably ask for a copy of it since it represents a summary of the activity. 25X1

25X1 3. The briefing dealt with the origins of the liaison relationship, based on designation of LEAA as action agent by the Attorney General following the DCI's 1970 declassification of the [ ] and referral of it to the Attorney General for possible use under the Safe Streets Act program. The detail of CIA personnel to LEAA for the exploitation of the [ ] by LEAA was explained, as was the initial effort in turning the [ ] technique to them, again by designation of the Attorney General. It was also explained how the Agency discontinued liaison with LEAA in 1973 as a result of the Kennedy-Holtzman amendment to the LEAA Appropriation Bill, and the LEAA appeal thereof. (The writer, as part of the briefing, read aloud to them the memo of 15 August 1973, prepared by the writer, detailing the reasons and process of terminating the liaison relationship and quoting the LEAA reaction thereto.) 25X1

4. Their questions were reasonable, although Mr. Hecht at first was labored under the impression that LEAA was an action agency, i.e. did CIA lend them tape and dial recorders, equipment, etc. This was remedied by a brief description of LEAA and the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the R&D arm of LEAA with which the Agency had liaison. Since the writer was present at the initiation and termination of the three-year relationship, they sought only two other names of those mentioned without name in the briefing, i.e. based on the [ ] summary. They asked the name of the writer's successor in con- 25X1

25X1 tact, sans support, with LEAA, and the name of [redacted] [redacted] now of ERDA, was furnished. They also asked the name of the former CIA employee who was employed by LEAA to conduct liaison with the Agency, and the name of [redacted] was 25X1 furnished--with emphasis that he was an LEAA employee, not a CIA employee during the period at discussion.

5. Mr. Hughes indicated that he had recently developed information regarding something called the LEIU (I believe he called it the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit), which he described as a communications network between police intelligence agencies. He asked where CIA fit into the scheme of its operation. I advised that during my period of liaison with certain local police agencies and with LEAA, that I had never heard of the organization and knew of no such nationwide network in which this Agency had taken part. He indicated that he might direct that question to the Agency at some subsequent point.

6. They asked about acquisition by CIA of police records involving Washington, D.C., morals division arrests, and I explained that this was discontinued, as I recalled, in the early 1960's with the retirement of the cooperating police official, now deceased. They asked if the records had been retained, and I advised that it was my understanding that they were destroyed in 1973. They indicated that they might seek an official statement on this in the future.

7. They then asked questions regarding official liaison with the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, and I responded as to my knowledge prior to mid-1973. The formal procedures on the loan of equipment was sought, and I responded, emphasizing that the Washington MPD is a U.S. Government organization and that it borrowed equipment in the past from a number of other government agencies. They desired the name of the present agency officer in liaison with the Washington police, and I indicated that I did not know his name. Similarly, when they asked about procedures for providing CIA-acquired intelligence to the police, I indicated that I was not aware of current practice. They indicated they might address formal questions to the Agency on these matters.

8. There was also some discussion about the detail of Agency personnel to meet LEAA requests, and it was explained that LEAA had been able to work out reimbursement for travel and per diem for such personnel, but that the desired reimbursement for salaries could never be worked out because of bureaucratic technicalities which had not been worked out by the time the relationship had been severed.

9. A question was also asked about the training manual which had been written for LEAA on [redacted] The writer explained that after 25X1 he had written it and furnished the MS. to LEAA, a consultant had performed additional research under an LEAA grant, and the final product was a manual containing both elements, not exclusively as

originally written.

10. It is interesting to note that the two investigators had different reactions to the LEAA liaison. One expressed the belief that the coordination of R&D data which was a major part of the liaison activity seemed highly important; the other did not believe the relationship was overriding of a separation of the two activities. Both agreed that the Agency had acted promptly in responding to the Kennedy-Holtzman amendment.



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